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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grilliot et al. (US 6,339,843) in view of Miller et al. (US 4,608,715). Grilliot et al (hereinafter Grilliot) discloses a protective garment/jacket including an outer shell (10) with a liner (30,34) being substantially in shape of the outer shell, col. 3, lines 21-44, that is removably fastened therewithin by a zipper (40), col. 3, line 61 – col. 4, line 6 and as shown in figure 5A. However, Grilliot does not show the outer shell having a portion thereof being constructed of open mesh material.

Miller et al. (hereinafter Miller) discloses a protective jacket including an outer shell (13, 90, 92) having a portion thereof being constructed of open mesh material, col. 6, lines 50-64. Further, a liner (98) is positioned within the jacket as shown in figure 3.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the outer shell of Grilliot with a portion thereof being constructed of open mesh material

as taught by Miller, in order to establish better air circulation through the garment when worn or depending on the end use thereof.

Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that the liner of Grilliot having a moisture barrier (34) is impermeable and is substantially waterproof when viewed with Miller. Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that the waterproof liner of Grilliot when viewed with Miller can be made of PVC or any other equivalent material that is waterproof depending on the availability of material at the time the device was constructed.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 is allowable because the prior art does not teach of suggest the recitation therein including a jacket having an outer shell that is substantially completely constructed of open mesh material in combination, with an inner waterproof liner attached by a zipper.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tejash Patel whose telephone number is (703) 306-9184. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.



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